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MEMORANDUM BY THE GERMAN DELEGATION  
ON THE CLARIFICATION OF THE COVERAGE OF ITEM 1558 d) 1)

The German Delegation wish to draw the attention of the Committee to the definition of item No. 1558 d) 1) which, in their opinion, needs clarification. The wording of this item leaves doubtful whether only such valves are covered which withstand sinusoidal vibration of greater than 2 g for continuous periods in excess of 20 hours at all frequencies between 25 and 170 c/s, or whether also those valves are embargoed which withstand such vibration at any one of the frequencies between 25 and 170 c/s.

The above question appeared in connection with the examination of the Dutch exception request Cocom Doc. 3332. The valves described therein are, indeed, guaranteed to withstand a vibration of 2.5 g for more than 20 hours at a frequency of 25 c/s. This type of valves shows, however, in the opinion of German experts at other frequencies within the range of 25 and 170 c/s, resonance spots which would bring about, after a very short time, a complete destruction of the operational system of the tubes.

In the opinion of German experts, the intention of item 1558 d) 1) is to embargo only those valves which are of such a special sturdy design as to withstand the described vibration test at each of the frequencies between 25 and 170 c/s.

If this understanding is correct, the German authorities propose to insert the word "all" before "frequencies" in the above mentioned definition in order to clarify its coverage.

The German Delegation would appreciate to have the views of Member Governments on the above raised question at an early opportunity.

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